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SUBJECT: PRD CRITICIZES KIDNAPPING

REF : SD 4167

1. AT SANTO DOMINGO AIRPORT, UPON RETURN FROM TRIP TO US OCT. 7, PARTIDO REVOLUCIONARIO DOMINICANO (PRD) DELEGATION LEADER PENZ GOMEZ TOLD REPORTERS HE DID NOT APPROVE OF THE KIDNAPPING OF THE US DIPLOMAT, VENEZUELAN CONSULS AND OTHERS. PRD SECGEN SAID IT "WOULD NOT HELP DOMINICAN REVOLUTION IN ANY WAY." "EXPERIENCE SHOWED THAT NO MATTER HOW WELL INTENTIONED...RESULTS OF KIDNAPPINGS HAVE NOT BEEN POSITIVE FOR THE DOMINICAN REVOLUTION." FURTHERMORE, KIDNAPPINGS "GIVE GOVERNMENT A PRETEXT TO REPRESS OPPOSITION AND UNLEASH WAVES OF PERSECUTION AGAINST OPPOSITION GROUPS." SOMEWHAT AMBIGUOUSLY, HOWEVER, LISTIN DIARIO'S ACCOUNT OF PENA'S REMARKS INCLUDED CLARIFICATION BY PENA THAT IT WAS "METHOD," NOT KIDNAPPING IN ITSELF THAT HE CONDEMNED. (COMMENT: THIS LAST REPORTED REMARK SEEMS ENTIRELY INCONSISTENT WITH PRD'S TRADITIONAL OPPOSITION TO TERRORIST ACTS AND PENA GOMEZ' OWN STATEMENTS CITED ABOVE.)

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2. SILVESTRE ANTONIO GUZMAN, MEMBER OF PRD DELEGATION AND

SANTIAGO ACCORD CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT IN THE SPRING'S
ELECTIONS, DENOUNCED KIDNAPPING BUT PLACED BLAME ON GODR.
IF THERE WERE NO POLITICAL PRISONERS, THIS TYPE OF ADVERTURE
WOULD NOT BE LAUNCHED. "IF I HAD BEEN PRESIDENT...THERE
WOULD HAVE BEEN NO KIDNAPPING, SINCE...THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN
NO POLITICAL PRISONERS."
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